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Honorable Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2002, Applicants
submit the following response.

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 21-25 are pending in the application. Claims 16 and 21-25
are rejected.

Applicants note the Examiner's withdrawal of the objections to the title,
specification, abstract, and Claims 12-17. Applicants also note the withdrawal of
the rejection to Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.